The list of awardee teachers for the year 1995 has not been finalised so far. The names of selected teachers will be announced well in time before the conferment of awards which takes place on 5th September (Teachers' Day).

There is no proposal at present to modify the criteria of selection of Teachers/Principals under the Scheme.

Washing allowance to Central Government Employees

728. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government policy with regard to issuing of uniforms to employees and payment of washing allowance is not benefiting the employees in good measure;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) whether the payment of allowance to class-IV and uniform to staff at vulnerable places is not sufficient to meet both the ends; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) Washing allowance is meant only to subsidize maintenance of uniform by the employees and not reimbursement of actuals incurred.

Transactions of reliance group

729. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the probe into the transactions of Reliance Group of Industries with the Financial and other Institutions;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof and when was the Inquiry Report submitted and by whom; and

(c) what action has been taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) have intimated that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had ordered on 30.11.1995 inspection of Reliance Consultancy Services Ltd. (RCS), Registrar and Share Transfer Agent for Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) for examining the books, records and other documents in connection with issue of duplicate share certificates of RIL. Similarly, SEBI had ordered on 30.11.1995 an inspection of books of accounts, records, documents and computer data of Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. (SHCIL) and City Bank NA in connection with the "switching" of shares of RIL held by the Custodians. The Department of Company Affairs assisted SEBI in these inspections.

SEBI has submitted Interim Reports on the above mentioned inspections to the MInistry of Finance on 12.1.1996. As regards the Interim Report on issue of duplicate share certificates by RIL, Finance Ministry has answered Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 536 for 1.3.1996. A copy of the reply is enclosed as a statement (*See* below).

Interim Report on switching of shares, *inter-alia*, revealed the follow:-

(i) It is seen from the submissions of custodians that 67.30 lakh shares of RIL were switched. In respect of the above shares, it was noted that when the shares were lodged for transfer by the Custodians on behalf of their clients with RCS, the shares received back after transfer from RCS were different, with different distinctive numbers (DNRs) and/or transferors' names. However, from the submission of RCS, the total number of switched shares stood at 70.30 lakhs.

(ii) Unit Trust of India purchased a lot of 24 lakh shares of RIL through M/s